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Mattawa Man Dies in Two Car Collision

A two-car collision at the intersection of Independence and Dekker Roads took the life of a Mattawa man this morning. The collision occurred about 7 miles north of Granger at just after 5:00 AM. Domitillo Garcia-Garcia age 22 of Mattawa was driving his 1998 Dodge Intrepid westbound on Independence Road. Garcia-Garcia failed to stop at the stop sign at Dekker Road and entered the intersection where his car was struck on the left side by a northbound Chevrolet Corsica. The 1995 Chevrolet Corsica was being driven by Rafael Valdez, age 39 of Sunnyside. Garcia-Garcia died while being transported to Regional Hospital in Yakima. Valdez was transported to Sunnyside hospital by private vehicle where he was treated and released. Both Valdez and Garcia-Garcia were wearing seatbelts.

There were four passengers in Garcia-Garcia's car. Jose Garcia age 41 of Mattawa and Juan Rosales Martinez age 20 of Mattawa were transported to Sunnyside Hospital where they were treated and released. Victor Ramos Martinez age 35 of Mattawa and Felipe Aguilar age 33 of Mattawa were not injured. All four passengers were wearing seatbelts.

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